

PUBLIC FILE, PART 1

**KDND-FM HD2
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Program: Public File
Date: October 18, 2009
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Issue: **Local Art**
Program: Public File
Date: November 8, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: The Arts Council of Placer County (Placer Arts) was established in 1983 as a not-for-profit agency. As the catalyst for the arts and humanities in Placer County, the Council encourages excellence and expansion of visual, musical, theatrical, literary, media and dance art endeavors. The Council serves as a clearinghouse for information on the arts in Placer County and also publishes a bimonthly arts magazine Perspectives. Its purpose is to create a forum for communication for artists and art organizations in Placer County and to increase awareness of activities and programs related to arts and culture in the area. The Autumn Art Studios Tour takes place each fall, and features artists throughout Western Placer County. Businesses in Old Town and Downtown host the popular Auburn Art Walk four times each year. The Art Walk has increased local awareness and business support of Placer Arts programs.

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ECONOMY

Issue: **Changes in the Local Job Market / Upcoming Job Fair**
Program: Public File
Date: October 11, 2009
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Description: The Job Journal was the first recruitment weekly in the country. It has been providing jobseekers and employers throughout Northern California with innovative alternatives to traditional job-search resources since 1982. California Job Journal is a weekly employment newspaper featuring hundreds of current job opportunities plus timely articles and tips on job hunting and career planning. Job listings include very detailed information about each position so you know if you're qualified before you even apply. There are convenient distribution points in most Northern California cities. And best of all, it's FREE! JobJournal.com is a highly regarded, popular resource for jobseekers, career changers and employment professionals. In addition to thousands of job opportunities throughout Northern California, this award-winning site features a comprehensive calendar of employment events, skills training, and one of the web's largest libraries of career profiles and job-search advice. Jobs and resources are added daily, so be sure to bookmark JobJournal.com and come back often.

Issue: **Dressing for Success**
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HEALTH

Issue: **Breast Cancer Awareness**
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Date: October 4, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure, they have invested nearly \$1 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to fight against breast cancer in the world. Komen for the Cure has more than 100,000 dedicated volunteers, survivors and activists working in 125 cities and communities worldwide. Through this network we are mobilizing more than one million friends and neighbors every year through events like the Komen Race for the Cure Series – the world's largest and most successful awareness and fundraising event for breast cancer. Since its inception, the Sacramento Valley affiliate has awarded grants totaling over \$6.8 million dollars to local organizations that have made valuable contributions to breast cancer education, screening and support.

Issue: **Health for the Financially Challenged**
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Date: December 13, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: The Effort has provided medical care in downtown Sacramento for over 35 years and, as Family Service Agency, has served the Sacramento region as a critical lifeline for families in crisis for over 50 years. Their programs have shown measurable success in serving thousands of families in need throughout Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado Counties. The Effort Community Health Center provides primary medical care to over 5,000 patients each year, serving the uninsured and underinsured of the Sacramento area. With support from local hospitals, The Effort is experiencing tremendous growth in its medical services and is expanding the clinic to provide more comprehensive services and extended hours. No other organization in the Sacramento area is quite like The Effort. Whether it's child abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, addictions, health problems, or mental health issues, The Effort works to break the cycles that prevent children, their parents, and other individuals from leading healthy lives. The Effort also collaborates with many other nonprofit organizations with similar missions, values, and objectives.

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HOUSING

Issue: **Chimney & Fireplace Safety**
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Date: November 15, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: The highly skilled firefighters and support personnel of Metro Fire serve nearly 640,000 citizens over a 417 square mile area, serving Sacramento & Placer counties including the City of Citrus Heights and the City of Rancho Cordova. Historically, Metro Fire represents 16 former fire agencies, some of which were founded more than six decades ago. Today, Metro Fire is the seventh-largest fire district in California with 42 strategically located fire stations. This time of year, there is a focus on fireplace safety. The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man-made logs. All of these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. Because the chimney is the outlet for whatever fire you lay in your fireplace, it is essential that it works properly. A non-function chimney won't take the smoke away from your fire and in extreme circumstances could even cause a chimney fire, which would be disastrous for your home. Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Issue: Insurance
Program: Public File
Date: October 25, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: A life insurance policy can help replace your income and pay for things like housing, living expenses and educational costs in the case of an unexpected death. Our helpful online resources provide plenty of solid life insurance information, so you can understand the type of coverage that you may need to meet your needs, life and budget. A qualified investment professional will use their expertise and experience to understand your goals, help you select investments that fit your needs, analyze how changing economic and personal situations may affect you, and give you timely financial information. They will explain why people need to invest in insurance, what you can insure against loss, how often coverage should be reviewed or changed, and where the greatest risks are faced.

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Issue: Alternatives to Conventional Divorce
Program: Public File
Date: November 29, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: In family law matters, a new process, known as collaborative practice, exists where a divorcing couple, together with trained professionals – attorneys, child specialists, divorce coaches, and financial specialists – works as a team to resolve disputes respectfully and without going to court. The California family law attorneys of Bartholomew & Wasznicky LLP have found collaborative practice an extremely successful appropriate alternative divorce process for many clients. Resolving differences without court litigation can help you start over without so much of the bitterness that comes from a more adversary process. It can be easier to live with a divorce settlement that you negotiated respectfully, rather than having one imposed by court order. Collaborative Practice is a new way to resolve conflicts in a respectful and mutually agreed upon process. Rather than turning the decision-making power over to a judge or other third party, control of the collaborative solution is kept with the people directly involved in the dispute. When issues about children are part of the dispute, their needs are placed first. Clients and their attorneys are at the heart of a working team which often includes mental health, financial and other professionals as needed to provide information and help clients explore a variety of solutions. The clients don't sign a settlement agreement until each of them is comfortable with it.

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Issue: **Grieving Children**
Program: Public File
Date: December 27, 2009
Time: 6:00A-6:30A

Description: When a family member dies, children react differently from adults. Preschool children usually see death as temporary and reversible, a belief reinforced by cartoon characters who die and come to life again. Children between five and nine begin to think more like adults about death, yet they still believe it will never happen to them or anyone they know. Adding to a child's shock and confusion at the death of a brother, sister, or parent is the unavailability of other family members, who may be so shaken by grief that they are not able to cope with the normal responsibility of childcare. Parents should be aware of normal childhood responses to a death in the family, as well as signs when a child is having difficulty coping with grief. It is normal during the weeks following the death for some children to feel immediate grief or persist in the belief that the family member is still alive. However, long-term denial of the death or avoidance of grief can be emotionally unhealthy and can later lead to more severe problems.

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EDUCATION

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Issue: **College Scholarships for Studying Special Education**
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Description: The goal of Runnin 4 Rhett is to let Rhett's story inspire those who feel defeated, to uplift those who feel down and encourage people to take that first step and Move Into Life. Rhett SeEVERS was born on February 7, 1997. At 4 months, his parents were devastated by the news that their little boy had severe cerebral palsy and would face a life full of challenges. On March 13, 2004, after 7 years of full-time care, love and devotion, Rhett passed away. In the spring of 2005, as the anniversary of Rhett's death approached, a friend of Rhett's mom, Beth, introduced her to running. She learned of the Shamrock'n ½ marathon. It was ironically being held on the first anniversary of Rhett's passing. Completing the run was such an inspiration to Beth. The following year, she asked that her friends and family join her. 35 additional friends and family donned the first baby blue running shirts that year. In the spring of 2007, with the addition of an organized training group, over 125 people participated in the race. On December 7, 2007, the Runnin 4 Rhett non-profit foundation was formed. As a result, in the spring of 2008 a total of nearly 400 people in all were able to participate in the event. A total of \$12,500 was raised and the very first Runnin 4 Rhett scholarship was awarded.

Issue: **Enriching Tahoe Community**
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Description: Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing this lifestyle from an educational, cultural, athletic, and community-based perspective, in essence, enriching the mind, body and soul of the entire community. By supporting what private business and public office cannot, the Foundation cultivates the vital spirit that is the Sierra. As the Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation grows, its charter is to provide the Truckee-Tahoe area with a vast array of world-class cultural events and programs, literally and figuratively bringing the world to Truckee-Tahoe and Truckee-Tahoe to the world. Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation continues its Sierra leadership role, while helping to shape the future of the Tahoe basin. In addition, as a 501c3, Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation supports numerous community and environmental organizations, including: Tahoe Forest Hospital and Hospice, Workforce Housing Association of Truckee Tahoe, Tahoe Women's Services, Truckee Little League, Girls Scouts, Lake Tahoe Musical Festival, Boy's and Girl's Club of North Lake Tahoe, the North Tahoe Art Center and Project MANA.

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Date: October 11, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The mission of the ALS Association is to lead the fight to cure and treat ALS through global cutting-edge research, and to empower people with Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) most commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease is a progressive, neuromuscular disease that attacks the nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord. It affects more than 5,000 Americans every year. Its cause and cure are as yet unknown. The financial cost to families of persons with ALS is exceedingly high. Care can cost up to \$200,000 per year. Entire savings of relatives and patients are quickly depleted because of the extraordinary costs involved in the care of ALS patients. Treatment is aimed at symptomatic relief, prevention of complications, and maintenance of maximum functioning and optional quality of life. It is estimated that ALS is responsible for one out of every hundred thousand deaths in people over 20. Over 5,000 people in the U.S. are newly diagnosed with ALS each year or approximately 15 people per day.

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Issue: **Obtaining Accurate Medical Information**
Program: Public File
Date: October 25, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The Medical Board of California is the State agency that licenses medical doctors, investigates complaints, disciplines those who violate the law, conducts physician evaluations, and facilitates rehabilitation where appropriate. The Board performs similar functions for affiliated healing arts professions including registered dispensing opticians, spectacle lens dispensers, contact lens dispensers, licensed midwives, and research psychoanalysts. Services include complaint information, physicians and medical marijuana, choosing a doctor, internet prescription information, patient access to medical records, physician license information, and protecting the privacy of patients health information.

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HEALTH (Cont'd)

Issue: **Birth Defect Prevention**
Program: Public File
Date: November 1, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. We carry out this mission through research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives. March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates work together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health: prematurity, birth defects, low birth weight. Sacramento Magazine's 11th Annual "Best of" party is a celebration featuring the best of everything as decided by the magazine's readers. Over 8,000 people enjoy fantastic food, drinks, entertainment and a life and silent auction at this celebration which has been rated the number one 'Best Of' party nationwide. Proceeds, which are expected to reach over \$300,000, benefit the local chapter of the March of Dimes.

Issue: **Healthy Children**
Program: Public File
Date: November 8, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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Issue: **H1N1 Virus / Swine Flu**
Program: Public File
Date: November 15, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Each year, seasonal flu kills some 36,000 Americans. But there is a new and very different flu virus spreading worldwide that was first confirmed in the United States in April 2009 and affects younger people more severely than seasonal flu does. H1N1 Flu, sometimes called "Swine Flu" is a new strain that has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. It caused a second flu season in the Sacramento region during the summer of 2009, resulting in illness, hospitalizations and even deaths. Most people recover quickly from H1N1 flu, but health officials are concerned about its potential to cause severe illness in some people. Sacramento County identified its first cases of H1N1 influenza at the end of April 2009. Since then, thousands of Sacramento residents have had H1N1 and recovered uneventfully. However, over 300 Sacramentans to date have been hospitalized as a result of H1N1 complications, and 14 have died from the disease. Though the symptoms of H1N1 flu are virtually indistinguishable from seasonal flu, the virus is affecting different groups of people. With seasonal influenza 90% of those who have serious complications are over 65 years of age. With H1N1 over 75% of those with serious complications are under the age of 60.

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HEALTH (Cont'd)

Issue: **Psychic Readings**
Program: Public File
Date: December 13, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: There are many misconceptions about what a psychic is, what a psychic does and what a psychic can do for you. Teachings relating to the spiritual realms are not usually included in our basic education. This is why it is so easy for fraudulent practitioners to get away with a scam. Anyone who predicts an absolute "set in stone" future – fortune tellers – is a scam artist. Real psychics are people with highly developed spiritual gifts who use them to help others become more aware of what is going on in their life spiritually. The word psychic is used to describe a person (or reader) who has the extraordinary ability to perceive and be affected by non-physical (spiritual) energies. Although most people have some degree of this ability, a professional psychic has developed an acute sensitivity to these energies. A good psychic reading combines accurate insight with practical advice; fosters hope and inspiration; encourages self-examination, highlights your gifts and abilities; and respects your free will and power to change.

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ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION

Issue: **Enriching Tahoe Community**
Program: Public File
Date: December 6, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing this lifestyle from an educational, cultural, athletic, and community-based perspective, in essence, enriching the mind, body and soul of the entire community. By supporting what private business and public office cannot, the Foundation cultivates the vital spirit that is the Sierra. As the Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation grows, its charter is to provide the Truckee-Tahoe area with a vast array of world-class cultural events and programs, literally and figuratively bringing the world to Truckee-Tahoe and Truckee-Tahoe to the world. Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation continues its Sierra leadership role, while helping to shape the future of the Tahoe basin. In addition, as a 501c3, Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation supports numerous community and environmental organizations, including: Tahoe Forest Hospital and Hospice, Workforce Housing Association of Truckee Tahoe, Tahoe Women's Services, Truckee Little League, Girls Scouts, Lake Tahoe Musical Festival, Boy's and Girl's Club of North Lake Tahoe, the North Tahoe Art Center and Project MANA.

Issue: **Wildlife Rescue**
Program: Public File
Date: December 27, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: Gold Country Wildlife Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife. Their trained volunteer rehabilitators are licensed by California Department of Fish & Game to care for and release native wildlife. There are no paid employees at Gold Country Wildlife Rescue. The volunteers typically pay for materials like cages and food out of their own pockets. Their only desire is to care for the animals that are frequently injured or abandoned as a result of man's presence in their habitats. At Gold Country Wildlife Rescue, they staff phone lines around the clock so you can speak to a live person. This is important, especially in the case of a wildlife emergency, where hours, and sometimes minutes, can make all the difference. Wildlife rehabilitators care for wild animals indigenous to the region in which they live. They are specially trained to provide immediate and long-term care to sick, injured or orphaned wildlife. Some wildlife rehabilitators are involved in public education, exposing both children and adults to biological facts, ecological concepts, and a responsible attitude toward all living things.

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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING

Issue: **Domestic Violence**
Program: Public File
Date: October 4, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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Issue: **Help for Local Homelessness**
Program: Public File
Date: November 29, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

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DRUG ABUSE

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Issue: **Insurance**
Program: Public File
Date: December 20, 2009
Time: 6:30A-7:00A

Description: A life insurance policy can help replace your income and pay for things like housing, living expenses and educational costs in the case of an unexpected death. Our helpful online resources provide plenty of solid life insurance information, so you can understand the type of coverage that you may need to meet your needs, life and budget. A qualified investment professional will use their expertise and experience to understand your goals, help you select investments that fit your needs, analyze how changing economic and personal situations may affect you, and give you timely financial information. They will explain why people need to invest in insurance, what you can insure against loss, how often coverage should be reviewed or changed, and where the greatest risks are faced.

TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE

**KDND-FM HD2
Saturdays, 7:00A-7:30A**

Description

Every day, faculty members at schools and universities throughout the world are making discoveries that shape our ways of thinking and redefine our understanding of today's knowledge-driven society. Since 1990, The Best of Our Knowledge has highlighted breakthroughs across disciplines and across the globe, putting you in touch with the men and women at the front of their fields. Each week, co-host Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock examines some of the issues unique to college campuses, looks at the latest research, and invites commentary from experts and administrators from all levels of education.

Glenn Busby, co-host and producer of Best of Our Knowledge, has made a special commitment to report on important developments in educational research. The fact is, at every college and university there is a great deal of research being conducted which could potentially have a dramatic impact on the ways in which we educate our students, from the lower grades right through graduate school. Unfortunately, all too often the results of that research are relegated to a shelf somewhere, or are only seen by the small number of people who actually read the scholarly journals. There is no question that the work is being done – the problem is, once it's done, the people in a position to benefit from it most haven't gotten a chance to hear about it.

PUBLIC FILE
ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. **EDUCATION**, including the quality of public education; school busing; white flight; bilingual education; school violence; and the quality of college and adult education.
2. **ECONOMY**, including inflation; economic development; economic opportunity; welfare; unemployment; job training; labor relations; and consumer issues.
3. **GOVERNMENT**, including government spending; the provision of government services; taxes; general political debate by officials and candidates.
4. **HEALTH**, including quality of medical facilities; national health programs; nutrition; physical fitness; mental health; preventative health care; and medical malpractice.
5. **ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION**, including natural disasters; pollution (especially air and water); the water crisis; and the effects of urban sprawl.
6. **MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**, including discrimination and other problems of racial minorities; women and senior citizens; the handicapped; homosexuals; and religious ethnic groups.
7. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

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EDUCATION

Issue: **National Address to America's Schoolchildren: Remarks by President Barack Obama**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 4, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: All the political punditry is finally behind us. And our Teacher-in-Chief, President Barack Obama, has spoken to students from coast to coast. We've heard his stories before about going to school in Indonesia. His comments about growing up with a single parent likely rang true for many students listening. In this report, we focus on the important things the president said about students taking personal responsibility, staying in school, setting goals, doing homework and graduating.

Issue: **The Bridge to Literacy: No Child or Adult Left Behind: How a Teacher Finally Learned to Read at Age 48**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 4, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Congress designated it two decades ago. And each October, the president issues a proclamation officially making this month National Disability month.

Our next guest has what he describes as a learning disability. But despite that, was twice appointed to the Board of the National Institute for Literacy by two former presidents.

John Corcoran is a college graduate and teacher. But his first book, *The Teacher Who Couldn't Read*, he confessed to the world that he was illiterate. How could that possibly happen, being a trained teacher?

Now, in his compelling latest book, *The Bridge To Literacy: No Child or Adult Left Behind*, Corcoran assesses the causes and consequences of the literacy crisis, offers proven solutions, and explains his vision of hope for the future of reading in this country. It's published by Kaplan.

John Corcoran continues to strive to bring illiteracy out of the shadows. His John Corcoran Foundation was created to promote literacy through John's advocacy efforts, through support of special literacy projects, and through the development of tutoring programs. The Foundation has now trained more than 300 tutors and tutored some 2,000 students. Corcoran talks with TBOOK about America's illiteracy subculture.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Astrobiology Research & Education Series**
The Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp, Part 1
STEM Education, Meet the Team Winners, Their Winning Mission
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 11, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Educators are always looking for ways to interest young students to become future scientists. One program that appears to be on the right track is the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp. The science camp is a free, academic program of The Harris Foundation, which takes an active role in shaping education in students entering grades 6, 7 and 8 this fall.

The program is named after Dr. Bernard Harris, an accomplished NASA astronaut, physician, and entrepreneur. Dr. Harris, the first African American to walk in space, plays an active role in the summer science camp, and other programs to support the historically underserved and underrepresented students with limited opportunities.

The winning team proposal was A Mission to Europa: The Search for Life Beyond Earth. TBOOK speaks with team members: 7th graders – Ashley Daniel and Nick Bondi, from Knickerbacker Middle School in Troy, NY; 6th graders – Claire Moylan from St. Mary's, Waterford, NY and Terry Dingman, Corinth Central School, Corinth, NY; and two 5th graders – Caleb Smith, Delaware Community PS 18, Albany, NY and Danielle Silverman, Albany Academies, Voorheesville, NY.

We also speak with: Caleb's mother, Kamayo Smith; Camp Director, Cynthia Smith, who is also the Assistant Dean of Students at RPI and directs their Pipeline Initiatives & Partnerships program; plus Science Camp Instructor, Seamus Hodgkinson, a 30-year veteran of teaching math and science at Doane Stuart School in Albany, New York.

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 11, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Updating the H1N1 Swine Flu Virus story we aired four weeks ago, as of our production deadlines for this show, flu vaccinations are underway across the country. Health officials now say a single shot should be effective in eight to ten days. And maybe only one shot will be needed, instead of two. This came just in time, as flu outbreaks started to ripple across U.S. school and university campuses.

Senator Tom Harkin, an Iowa Democrat and Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee that finances education, has taken over the Senate Education Committee. Senator Harkin promised to "carry on the legacy of Senator Ted Kennedy." One of this first tasks is to craft legislation to end the federally guaranteed student-loan program, as proposed by President Obama. We'll have more updates on this legislation as it proceeds through Congress.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Students for Sustainability**

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge

Date: October 11, 2009

Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: As we told you a moment ago, Senator Tom Harkin is the new Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. What listeners may not remember is that Senator Harkin has also been a longtime champion of individuals with disabilities, and played a key role in crafting the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Congress reauthorized that bill just last year.

As we discussed last week, October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month in the U.S. But we found a student organization at Delft University in the Netherlands that's having an impact on people with disabilities in Africa.

The organization is called Students 4 Sustainability. They've designed, created, and produced a hand operated vehicle, now being used in Ghana, which is helping to employ several people there.

Issue: **National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month
New Handheld Software for Special Needs Community**

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge

Date: October 18, 2009

Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: This is the personal story of parents who have a son with autism. They are now using new technologies to help improve their family communication. And it turns out their efforts could have widespread impact on the special needs community at large.

Dan Tedesco and his wife, Carey, have a 4 ½ year old son, Evan. At 19 months, Evan was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Tedesco's started with the usual state assisted therapies which included devices like flash cards and carrying around large boards. These tools are obviously bulky and cumbersome, and in some public situations difficult to manage.

As the old saying goes, necessity is often the mother of invention. Tedesco is now the Founder and CEO of Handhold Adaptive, a Connecticut-based software development firm. His company has developed portable software that works on iPhones and the iPod Touch. The customizable communications tool provides visual structure for those with language and behavioral challenges including autism, Down syndrome, ADD and ADHD. In a future story in coming months, we'll have an update on how iPrompts may also have applications for other disabilities like traumatic brain injury and Alzheimer patients.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

- Issue:** **The Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp, Part 2
Meeting the Astronaut, Human vs. Robotic Exploration, Career Connections, and Assessing the Value**
- Program:** To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 18, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A
- Description:** This was the second consecutive year that Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute was chosen as one of just a handful of institutions in the U.S. to host the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp. The camp stresses investing in today's youth to prepare them for careers in science, technology, engineering and math.
- Last week, we met the middle school students who were all part of the science camp's winning team. We talked about their winning project, the classes they took, and the field trips they went on. If you would like to hear last week's program, it's available online.
- This week, we learn about the tremendous time the students had with astronaut, Dr. Bernard Harris. Plus, we talk with their teacher, camp director, and find out what this experience meant to one of the parents.
- Issue:** **National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month
Jewish Guild for the Blind School: Music Therapy Classes**
- Program:** To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 25, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A
- Description:** The Jewish Guild for the Blind has been serving blind, visually impaired, and multi-disabled children and adults for nearly 100 years.
- Thousands of people are helped each year through a wide range of programs and services designed especially to enhance their physical, emotional, and intellectual functioning.
- The Guild provides these rehabilitation therapies, education programs, adaptive skills, and job training programs to help the visually impaired gain independence.
- TBOOK visited the Music Therapy Program at the Jewish Guild for the Blind School in New York City and spoke with Rhonda Defiore, Guild Music Therapist, and two of her students. They are 11-year old Elijah Jackson from Manhattan, and 13-year old Valerie Liranzo from Queens.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

- Issue:** **National Science Foundation Research in Disabilities Education Program Series
Access to Advancement: An Audio Exploration of the National Effort to Increase the Role of
Women with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics**
- Program:** To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 25, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A
- Description:** Patricia Walsh has a full-time career at Microsoft as a Program Manager, runs marathons, volunteers extensively, and still has time for socializing. When Walsh started college, it wasn't easy. Things were pretty rough early on. But then, the combination of a role model, and a chance meeting with a complete stranger, helped boost her confidence and guide her towards the success she's enjoying today.
- Before Microsoft, Patricia Walsh worked with Dr. John Gardner, a renowned physicist who's also well known for his work with accessible technology... specifically for making science, math, and engineering information accessible to people who are blind, or visually impaired. She says he was the critical mentor she needed.
- Issue:** **H1N1 Goes to College**
- Program:** To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 1, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A
- Description:** As we already know, the fall flu season is in full swing. Adding to the usual concerns to student and public health in general, is the uncertainty of the H1N1 flu virus strain.
- We've observed wide-spread reports of H1N1 across many parts of the United States. In the Midwest, Eastern Kentucky University recently confirmed its first swine flu case.
- TBOOK finds out what precautions are now being taken at that Richmond, Kentucky school and by many other schools around the nation.
- Issue:** **The Obama/Biden Community College Promotional Tour**
- Program:** To the Best of Our Knowledge
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Issue: Hope Flowers School

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge

Date: November 1, 2009

Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Finding common ground and mutual respect is an everyday struggle in the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. But some 300 school children are learning how to do just that at a unique school outside Bethlehem.

The school puts peace and democracy at the heart of its teaching. In addition to normal curricula, teachers focus on how to handle confrontation and work with each other to resolve disputes.

World Vision Report fills us in on the background and details of the Hope Flowers School.

Issue: National Science Foundation Research in Disabilities Education Series

Access to Advancement: An Audio Exploration of the National Effort to Increase the Role of Women with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Do-It and Access STEM Improve Transitions to STEM Education and Careers

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge

Date: November 8, 2009

Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: There is a multiple award-winning program for students run out of Seattle, Washington called DO-IT. For many, it's the first time they're among other students with disabilities who are also interested in STEM. This Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program has been setting the gold-standard for STEM education for decades.

For DO-IT scholar, Emily Horwitz, it's been a huge support. She says "There are other people out there like me. It's not a lonely little island where you're kind of stuck in the middle of nowhere."

Issue: The Public Finally Meets a Science Version of American Idol

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge

Date: November 8, 2009

Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: Our guest commentator is also one who believes in the importance of STEM education.

Dr. Mel Schiavelli is a Professor of Chemistry, and President of the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Schiavelli says, "When it comes to getting people excited about the enormous possibilities and opportunities available in a professional career in the fields of science or technology, educators should give an award to Intel for its TV ad featuring Ajay Bhatt."

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- Description:** On the subject of education reform, the National Education Association has released a report and launched what it terms the Turn Around for Great Public Schools Initiative. The NEA hopes to improve the nation's high-needs schools by attracting and retaining qualified teachers to work in these challenging schools. This week, TBOOK speaks with NEA Executive Director, John Wilson about their study, their commitment of 6-million dollars over the next six years, and how they are identifying the 1,000 high-needs schools.
- Next week, we discuss how the NEA plans to spend its member's money, plans for performance pay, and who the NEA hopes to partner with.
- Issue:** **National Education Association Commits Money to Encourage Teaching at High-Needs Schools Turn Around for Great Public Schools Initiative, Part 2 of 2**
- Program:** To the Best of Our Knowledge
- Date:** November 22, 2009
- Time:** 7:00A-7:30A
- Description:** Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, spoke recently to members of the National Association of State Boards of Education at their annual conference. Secretary Duncan invited state education leaders to join him in partnership to reform schools across the country, and to clarify the federal government's role in advancing reforms. Duncan said that policy makers, educators, and community leaders need to work together to narrow the student achievement gap.
- To no one's surprise, the NEA, the National Education Association, the country's largest teacher's union, shares many of the administration goals. And with the NEA's report, the Turnaround for Great Public Schools Initiative, it's pledging 6-million dollars to develop comprehensive strategies and policies to increase teacher effectiveness in high-needs schools..

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Issue: **Girls' Education in Zimbabwe**
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Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The difficulties of young women continuing their education is not a story unique to the U.S. Girls' education in Zimbabwe presents many of its own challenges. TBOOK learns more from Winnie Farao, a Program Manager for CAMFED, the Campaign for Female Education.

The high cost of education in Zimbabwe, coupled with hyperinflation, has made girls education a second-tier priority. Since its inception in 1993, CAMFED reports more than 600,000 children have benefited from its education programs in some of the poorest regions of not only Zimbabwe, but Zambia, Ghana, and Tanzania as well.

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Description: It's been almost eight years since President Bush signed No Child Left Behind into law. The often controversial regulation requires states to prove students are learning by using standardized tests to quantify student progress. NCLB's goal is to have all students reading and doing math on grade level by 2014. Now, that's only four years away.

As we heard in our earlier story on the Race to the Top competition, the Obama administration still wants to use some form of testing to measure student learning. And the president has set his own goal of 2020 to have the U.S. graduating more students from college than any other country.

All the while, going on in the background, senate and house education committees are again taking up the challenge of renewing No Child Left Behind, which is about two-years overdue.

North Carolina Public Radio spent two years with several producers embedded at Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, North Carolina, investigating if education there is getting any better. The result is this documentary series called Put to the Test: How Standardized Testing is Changing Education.

In this episode of the multi-part series, the high school has just failed to meet the federal government's testing goals. The principal is of course under intense pressure to raise those scores. And he's focusing attention on students who need help the most... the school's poorest performing 9th graders.

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- Description: Both houses of Congress are set to resume consideration of renewing the No Child Left Behind law. And so we are continuing our series exploring the impact of NCLB. This documentary originates from Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- This week, we follow two struggling 9th graders, Jessica and RJ. With the new school year well underway, Western HS is under intense pressure to raise test scores. The school has put RJ and Jessica and 83 other freshman into special classes designated to bring them up to speed, and fast.
- Issue: **Education Headlines**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: December 27, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A
- Description: This is our annual year in review wrap up of education news.
- 2009 was a year in education that witnessed a change in administrations, and therefore, an overhaul in education leadership for the United States. Whether these new efforts have an impact, remain for future history books.
- The topics TBOOK reported on during the year, focused on science and math and STEM education through our National Science Foundation, and Astrobiology grant projects. We also devoted considerable air time to literacy issues. And we tried to get organizations outside of government to react to problems and trends in education during 2009.
- That's why this past summer, we spoke with the president of the country's largest teachers union, the NEA, about critical education issues facing parents, teachers, and administrators.
- Of course on that list is the dropout crisis. Every 26 seconds a student drops out of high school in the U.S. These figures come from a study called Cities in Crisis 2009. We speak with the president and CEO of America's Promise Alliance.
- Issue: **Cities in Crisis: Closing the Graduation Gap**
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Date: December 27, 2009
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- Description: Nationwide in the U.S., nearly one in three high school students fails to graduate. That's more than 1-million students dropping out each year. Among minority students, the problem is even more pronounced. Nearly 50% of African American and Hispanic students do not complete high school on time.
- Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap, was commissioned by America's Promise Alliance from the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center. The study shows that despite some progress made by a few cities over the past ten years, the average graduation rate of the 50 largest cities is well below the national average of 71%. And there remains a huge 18 point urban-suburban gap.
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Description: As we told you a moment ago, Senator Tom Harkin is the new Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. What listeners may not remember is that Senator Harkin has also been a longtime champion of individuals with disabilities, and played a key role in crafting the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Congress reauthorized that bill just last year.

As we discussed last week, October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month in the U.S. But we found a student organization at Delft University in the Netherlands that's having an impact on people with disabilities in Africa.

The organization is called Students 4 Sustainability. They've designed, created, and produced a hand operated vehicle, now being used in Ghana, which is helping to employ several people there.

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- Description:** The U.S. Department of Education has released its final application for more than 4-billion dollars from the Race to the Top fund. It's the largest single discretionary pool of education money in the economic-stimulus package congress passed last February.
- TBOOK speaks with Education Secretary Arne Duncan about requirements to qualify for the money. And we also hear comments President Obama made at a middle school in Wisconsin, that influenced that state's Assembly and Governor to pass and sign a new education reform bill which will help them compete for the federal aid. They decided to drop the so-called "firewall" which prevented them from linking student test scores to teacher and principal performance.
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Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: December 20, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A
- Description:** States are scrambling to try and secure their piece of the 4.3 billion dollar pie known as the Race to the Top fund.
- Last week we told you how some states, like Wisconsin, even passed new education reform legislation to try and qualify for the money. States who do not allow the linkage of student test scores to teacher and principal evaluations, are pretty much eliminated from the competition.
- This week we wrap up our conversation with Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, as he talks with us about winners and losers, and the importance of charter schools for a successful bid for the federal aid. And President Barack Obama clarifies his key measures for schools to qualify..

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Issue: **National Education Association Finds Common Goals on Education Reform Issues with the New Administration**

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge

Date: December 27, 2009

Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: The jobs created or saved controversy reached the education world towards the end of 2009. Members of the Obama administration appeared before a congressional panel which was trying to verify and justify how many jobs have been created or saved.

A Deputy Secretary of Education testified before the house committee that federal stimulus dollars have created hundreds of thousands of jobs. But GOP lawmakers went so far as to call those numbers “propaganda” and specifically questioned the claim of 300,000 education jobs created or saved.

Earlier this summer, I addressed that very issue of how many teaching jobs were saved with NEA President, Dennis Van Roekel. In our wide-ranging exclusive interview, we also talked about performance-based pay and low-performing schools.

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Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: As we already know, the fall flu season is in full swing. Adding to the usual concerns to student and public health in general, is the uncertainty of the H1N1 flu virus strain.

We've observed wide-spread reports of H1N1 across many parts of the United States. In the Midwest, Eastern Kentucky University recently confirmed its first swine flu case.

TBOOK finds out what precautions are now being taken at that Richmond, Kentucky school and by many other schools around the nation.

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ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION

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- Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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- Description: If humans were able to travel back in time to visit the earth 3-billion years ago, scientists say we would likely not recognize it as the same planet we inhabit today.
- The atmosphere was very different from what we breathe today, believed then to contain methane, ammonia, and other gases which would be toxic to most life on Earth today. But it was during this time span, called the early Archaean era, that life first appeared on Earth and started to evolve.
- Our featured guest today has been studying samples buried deep beneath the ocean floor to discover not only about life on this planet, but the potential for life on other planets. Dr. Christopher House is a Professor of Geosciences at Pennsylvania State University.
- Nest week, Dr. Chris House discusses with us how this oxidation process impacts our understanding of climate change, and even new genes his research has uncovered..
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- This marine biosphere may be one of the largest reservoirs of biomass on Earth, representing perhaps one-third of Earth's biomass. It's a unique, widespread, and largely understudied microbial ecosystem that influences large-scale geo-chemical cycles. It could even help regulate Earth's climate.
- Last week we talked about an earlier period of Earth's history, some 3-billion years ago... a time with Earth's atmosphere evolved into one with lots more oxygen, and how this changing environment provided the foundation for animals and plants.
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MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Issue: **National Address to America's Schoolchildren: Remarks by President Barack Obama**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 4, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

Description: All the political punditry is finally behind us. And our Teacher-in-Chief, President Barack Obama, has spoken to students from coast to coast. We've heard his stories before about going to school in Indonesia. His comments about growing up with a single parent likely rang true for many students listening. In this report, we focus on the important things the president said about students taking personal responsibility, staying in school, setting goals, doing homework and graduating.

Issue: **The Bridge to Literacy: No Child or Adult Left Behind: How a Teacher Finally Learned to Read at Age 48**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
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Description: October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Congress designated it two decades ago. And each October, the president issues a proclamation officially making this month National Disability month.

Our next guest has what he describes as a learning disability. But despite that, was twice appointed to the Board of the National Institute for Literacy by two former presidents.

John Corcoran is a college graduate and teacher. But his first book, *The Teacher Who Couldn't Read*, he confessed to the world that he was illiterate. How could that possibly happen, being a trained teacher?

Now, in his compelling latest book, *The Bridge To Literacy: No Child or Adult Left Behind*, Corcoran assesses the causes and consequences of the literacy crisis, offers proven solutions, and explains his vision of hope for the future of reading in this country. It's published by Kaplan.

John Corcoran continues to strive to bring illiteracy out of the shadows. His John Corcoran Foundation was created to promote literacy through John's advocacy efforts, through support of special literacy projects, and through the development of tutoring programs. The Foundation has now trained more than 300 tutors and tutored some 2,000 students. Corcoran talks with TBOOK about America's illiteracy subculture.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

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The Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp, Part 1
STEM Education, Meet the Team Winners, Their Winning Mission

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 11, 2009
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Description: Educators are always looking for ways to interest young students to become future scientists. One program that appears to be on the right track is the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp. The science camp is a free, academic program of The Harris Foundation, which takes an active role in shaping education in students entering grades 6, 7 and 8 this fall.

The program is named after Dr. Bernard Harris, an accomplished NASA astronaut, physician, and entrepreneur. Dr. Harris, the first African American to walk in space, plays an active role in the summer science camp, and other programs to support the historically underserved and underrepresented students with limited opportunities.

The winning team proposal was A Mission to Europa: The Search for Life Beyond Earth. TBOOK speaks with team members: 7th graders – Ashley Daniel and Nick Bondi, from Knickerbacker Middle School in Troy, NY; 6th graders – Claire Moylan from St. Mary's, Waterford, NY and Terry Dingman, Corinth Central School, Corinth, NY; and two 5th graders – Caleb Smith, Delaware Community PS 18, Albany, NY and Danielle Silverman, Albany Academies, Voorheesville, NY.

We also speak with: Caleb's mother, Kamayo Smith; Camp Director, Cynthia Smith, who is also the Assistant Dean of Students at RPI and directs their Pipeline Initiatives & Partnerships program; plus Science Camp Instructor, Seamus Hodgkinson, a 30-year veteran of teaching math and science at Doane Stuart School in Albany, New York.

Issue: **The Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp, Part 2**
Meeting the Astronaut, Human vs. Robotic Exploration, Career Connections, and Assessing the Value

Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: October 18, 2009
Time: 7:00A-7:30A

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Last week, we met the middle school students who were all part of the science camp's winning team. We talked about their winning project, the classes they took, and the field trips they went on. If you would like to hear last week's program, it's available online.

This week, we learn about the tremendous time the students had with astronaut, Dr. Bernard Harris. Plus, we talk with their teacher, camp director, and find out what this experience meant to one of the parents.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Professor, May I Bring My Baby to Class? A Student Mother's Guide to College, Part 1 of 2**
Program: To the Best of Our Knowledge
Date: November 29, 2009
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Description: The United States reportedly has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the western world. Think about it. One-million teens will become pregnant in the U.S. over the next 12 months. Statistics indicate about one-third, meaning nearly 334,000 teens keep their babies each year.

The numbers are staggering. Teenagers give birth to about one in every ten babies born in America. And according to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, less than half, maybe as few as one-third, graduate from high school.

The Guttmacher Institute reports what seems obvious, that less teen mothers are likely to attend college, regardless of their academic record or potential, than child-free women their age. The poorer the young women, the more likely she'll become a mother. And almost half of all teen mothers end up on welfare.

So what happens when a major reality check like this interrupts a teenage girl's life? Often they resolve to focus solely on their child, and give up on their own dreams of graduation and going on to college. Sometimes, schools and communities don't have the services to help young mothers pursue academic success, get college degrees, and build a better life for themselves and their children.

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Last week, we learned it was a combination of events in Mosee's own life that spirited her to found Family Care Solutions to help young student-mothers. To our surprise, we found out only a very small percentage of colleges and universities (as few as 10%) offer child care centers to help students transition to being student-parents. And we heard about the stigma of poverty and crime often associated with teenage mothers.

This week, Sherrill Mosee shares some of the truly remarkable success stories that have grown out of the support and financial assistance FCS has been able to provide.

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Description: Girls' sports were an afterthought in most schools forty years ago. Softball and field hockey were the major outlets for girls who wanted to play team sports. But Title IX started a quiet revolution. Renamed the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act in honor of one of its author's, Title IX didn't specifically mention athletics. It simply made it against the law for gender to exclude anyone from any educational program or activity that gets federal financial assistance. That meant schools had to make room for girls on the athletic fields. Dr. Donna Lopiano was a nine time all American in softball and is in the National Sports Hall of Fame. But she's been named one of the most influential people in sports for her work as the CEO of the Women's Sports Foundation. We sat down together recently to talk about the law that passed in 1972, but began to shake up the structure of school athletics three years later. Lopiano says its success is directly attributable to the fact that fathers were strong supporters of letting their daughters play school sports.

That's Dr. Donna Lopiano, former CEO of the Women's Sports Foundation. She's now the president of Sports Management Resources... a consulting firm that connects former athletic directors with schools that need their expert advice. For more on Title IX and women's sports, go to the Women's Sports Foundation at womenssportsfoundation.org.

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EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: December 15, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Education is the path out of poverty. That's what we've always been told... but what if you're an unwed mother? How do you pursue that education, support your child and create a better future? Sherrill Mosee is the founder of Family Care Solutions and author of *Professor, May I Bring My Baby To Class*. She spoke with our Glenn Busby.

Coming up, a businessman from India who found success in America... and is taking what he learned back to help girls from his home town.

America has always been seen as the land of opportunity – a place where ambition and intelligence could make anything possible. For many people from India, it has fulfilled that promise... and now they're going home to try to make a difference in their own country. Jessica Partnow reports on one groundbreaking girls school that opened with 45 students almost ten years ago and now has 996 girls in classes. Each one of them is being trained for a job that will change the course of her future.

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GOVERNMENT

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Description: Journalist and author Masha Hamilton visited Afghanistan twice – once in the late 90s and again in 2004. What she found during her second visit was a much more repressive atmosphere, and growing fears that women's voices were soon going to be silenced for good. Today, the Afghan Women's Writing Project she founded after that trip has connected writers with women in Afghanistan who are willing to risk their own safety to write about their lives. It's not her first humanitarian effort. After hearing about a library in Africa that delivers books to remote villages by camel, she wrote *The Camel Bookmobile* and organized an effort to expand its research.

Masha Hamilton's new book is *31 Hours*, an emotional exploration of a young man's embrace of terrorism and his mother's attempts to reconcile the son she knows with the acts he's willing to commit. For more on the Afghan Women's Writing Project go to awwproject.wordpress.com or mashahamilton.com.

Azar Nafisi's *Reading Lolita in Tehran* was an international bestseller. New new book, *Things I've been Silent about*, has further reflections on the power of literature and poetry and the price of freedom.

In 1961, a massive wall separating the city of Berlin into two halves was built. In 1989, the gates were opened and after initially trying to repair it, authorities let so-called "wall peckers" slowly dismantle that wall. But Germany today has an interesting legacy of that time – marriages between people who grew up on opposite sides of the Berlin wall. Here's a report from DeutschWelle Radio.

Program: 51%
Date: November 22, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: The Shriver's Report's release put what we already knew in black and white; stay at home moms have become the minority and women now make up half of the US workforce. But there are still women staying home to raise their children and some of them have given up very successful careers to do it. Katie Britton spoke with Pamela Stone, the author of *Opting Out: Why Women Really Quit Careers and Head Home*. The answer to that question is another finding of the Shriver Report – employers often given them no alternative.

We hear a lot about the problem of illegal immigrants. We hear about the cost to our health care system, the effect on our economy, the strain on our educational system. But what about life on the other side of the border? I recently spoke with a Mexican woman who has lost nearly her entire family to immigration – they've all moved to America because they just can't find work in Mexico. And she now tours the United States to try to explain why our own trade policies are at the root of the problem.

Finally, you've probably heard of slow food... the movement encouraging us to buy food grown within our own local areas. How about slow money? The idea is to invest in small, nurture capital industry instead of venture capitalism. Investing as though what we eat, what we buy and where it comes from matters. And one facet of the movement is an old idea that kept our grandparents going through the Depression – local currency. Rebecca Sheir reports from Washington.

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Laura Kaplan is an author and board member of the National Women's Health Network, based in Washington, DC. Doctor Amy Breakstone is a physician in private practice in New England.

Do you remember a time before bottled water... when the idea of paying for water in a bottle only made sense if your mom needed distilled water for her iron? Now we carry bottled water around, drink water flavored with fruit, pumped up with nutrients and carbonated. Did we fall for slick good marketing or is bottled water really better? Katie Britton speaks with the author of *Bottlemania*.

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Experts believe there may be a genetic component to depression, and it affects up to ten percent of the population at some point in their lives. About six million of those cases are manic depression, also known as bipolar disorder. It affects men and women equally, and causes wild and unpredictable mood swings that can respond well to medication – but require a willingness to take that medication consistently. Katie Britton speaks with Nancy Bachrach, author of the memoir *Center of the Universe...* the story of growing up with a mother who was never the same from one day to the next – and then experienced a stunning turnaround after a near fatal accident.

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Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Girls' sports were an afterthought in most schools forty years ago. Softball and field hockey were the major outlets for girls who wanted to play team sports. But Title IX started a quiet revolution. Renamed the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act in honor of one of its author's, Title IX didn't specifically mention athletics. It simply made it against the law for gender to exclude anyone from any educational program or activity that gets federal financial assistance. That meant schools had to make room for girls on the athletic fields. Dr. Donna Lopiano was a nine time all American in softball and is in the National Sports Hall of Fame. But she's been named one of the most influential people in sports for her work as the CEO of the Women's Sports Foundation. We sat down together recently to talk about the law that passed in 1972, but began to shake up the structure of school athletics three years later. Lopiano says its success is directly attributable to the fact that fathers were strong supporters of letting their daughters play school sports.

That's Dr. Donna Lopiano, former CEO of the Women's Sports Foundation. She's now the president of Sports Management Resources... a consulting firm that connects former athletic directors with schools that need their expert advice. For more on Title IX and women's sports, go to the Women's Sports Foundation at womenssportsfoundation.org

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Program: 51%
Date: November 29, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: Abortion is still a polarizing issue in this country, despite the fact that it was legalized in 1973. Not only is it again being debated as Washington tries to craft a health care reform bill, but there is also a developing sinkhole that's far less publicized. Because medical schools allow students to opt out of classes teaching them not only procedures, but counseling skills for women considering abortion, women's health advocates say there are fewer and fewer doctors across the country who are actually trained to perform such procedures. Yet these doctors are considered fully qualified OBGYNs. I spoke with two experts on the issue.

Laura Kaplan is an author and board member of the National Women's Health Network, based in Washington, DC. Doctor Amy Breakstone is a physician in private practice in New England.

Do you remember a time before bottled water... when the idea of paying for water in a bottle only made sense if your mom needed distilled water for her iron? Now we carry bottled water around, drink water flavored with fruit, pumped up with nutrients and carbonated. Did we fall for slick good marketing or is bottled water really better? Katie Britton speaks with the author of *Bottlemania*.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Program: 51%
Date: October 4, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: In the 2000 US Census, Native Americans made up just one and a half percent of the population. They are less likely to be college graduates, less likely to hold professional positions when they get a job. Their paychecks are lower than other US populations. Their poverty rate is double that of the rest of the country. And Alberta Nells, a young Navajo woman, is one of a growing number of young people who are fighting back against development that threatens their land and their way of life. Her tribe has been battling a plan to expand a ski resort on the San Francisco Peaks in Arizona, and she's part of a group called Youth of the Peaks.

If you're exhausted trying to juggle work, the kids' school schedule and a million other things, imagine doing all that in a war zone. UNICEF radio talks to a Baghdad mother about her family, her life and her growing fears for her children's safety.

And finally, when's the last time you saw live music? Not huge venues and five hundred dollar tickets... the small, live venues that help young acts perfect their skills and create a sense of community in towns around the country. Anita Palladino looks at the future of the small clubs in the age of the music download.

Program: 51%
Date: October 11, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that between five and ten million girls and women have eating disorders. About a million boys and men are affected too. One of the most sought after lecturers on the college circuit today talks about the connection between those problems, the increase in violence against women, and the disturbing trend toward sexualizing our children. Her name is Jean Kilbourne... and when she first started talking about what she saw back in the 70s, she was a pretty, shy young woman who'd been fighting to be taken seriously. Once she began to speak out, she was considered a complete radical.

To find out more about Kilbourne, her books and her movies, go to jeankilbourne.com. Her new book is *So Sexy So Soon: The New sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do To Protect Their Kids*. It is published by Random House.

Many of the largest banks in the US nearly tanked in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, but one bank has barely skipped a beat. That bank serves the people most commercial banks consider too poor, too risky to qualify for loans. The Grameen Bank's borrowers put-up no collateral. Yet Washington correspondent Laura Iyama reports the bank is so successful that it's grown beyond its original borders in one of the poorest countries in the world.

And now let's turn it over to Manisha Thakor, 51%'s personal finance expert. This is something you'll want to pass around – a simple, easy to understand way to break down how we spend our money, and how to figure out what we can afford.

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YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Program: 51%
Date: October 25, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: There are hundreds of organizations doing good work around the world. We've spoken to many of the people involved in that work – but Madre is something different. It's not that the work is different – Madre is an international human rights organization. It's how it works that's different. Founder Vivian Stromberg says the basic idea is that to help people, it's best to ask them what they need.

Vivian Stromberg is the founder of Madre, the international human rights organization. To find out more, go to madre.org.

Solitude – it's something some of us crave, some of us fear, and others approach with a little of both. The writer Colette said, "There are days when solitude is a heady wine that intoxicates you with freedom, others when it is a bitter tonic, and still others when it is a poison that makes you beat your head against the wall." Katie Britton spoke with a woman who found all of those things – and herself, as she rowed across the Atlantic Ocean not once, but twice.

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Date: November 1, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

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Shriver says this isn't something that only impact women... and men know it.

Judith Rodin is president of the Rockefeller Foundation and as the former president of a university, had the opportunity to try to create a community that accommodated the new model of American life.

Despite the fact that women's numbers now equal men's in the workforce, they are still not equal. The study looks at the numbers.

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Description: A visit to the website StoptheHunger.com is sobering. It features a running clock that shows the number of malnourished people in the world, the number of people who have died from hunger, and the amount of food wasted. It collects its statistics from various organizations and puts it in one sobering, rapidly changing list. The global economics crisis is focusing the world's attention on hunger – from reports that food stamp use is becoming an accepted part of life for even middle class families, to long of lines of families at soup kitchens and food banks. But kids in one community are learning to help their neighbors one penny at a time. Dagmar Serota founded Good Cents in Oakland after she and her son saw a television program about a NY group that empowered kids to change the world.

To see the hunger statistics, visit stopthehunger.com. For more information on Good Cents for Oakland, visit their website at goodcentsforoakland.org.

Jennifer didn't consider her health problems a disability, even though they interrupted her college plans more than once. But once she realized that accommodations could help her achieve her career goal, a goal she discovered because of her own brain surgery, there was no stopping her.

This is part of our series called ACCESS TO ADVANCEMENT: An Audio Exploration of the National Effort to Increase the Role of Women with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Program: 51%
Date: December 27, 2009
Time: 7:30A-8:00A

Description: The Christian Christmas season doesn't end on December 25th. Ethiopia's 33 million Ethiopian Orthodox Christians celebrate Timkat, or Epiphany, a commemoration of the baptism of Christ on January 20th. 51%'s Jessica Partnow reports that it's a combination of devotion, party and baptism by fire hose.

And on to Colorado, where American Muslims discuss tolerance and understanding during the Christmas holidays.

Coming up, a new trend in gift giving – the two-fer. We'll have reflections on the meaning of Hanukkah... plus a gingerbread project that goes way overboard

This year, there's new interest in giving gifts that do more – gifts that do good. Many retailers are including a donation to a charity with the sale of certain items. World of Good, A Greater Gift, Ten Thousand Villages, OXFAM and that old favorite, UNICEF, all offer gifts that also benefit someone else. Animal sanctuaries offer sponsorships, so you can create a lasting bond between your favorite aunt and a cow – or even sponsor a chimp. Another side of this trend is a new take on the Tupperware party... one that helps provide sustainable income for African women and their families. 51%'s Allison Dunne attended one of these grassroots parties, among a cause-driven and eco-conscious crowd.

One good central site to find a host of good ideas for giving in the holiday season and beyond is havefundogood.blogspot.com.

And now let's get back to the celebrations – and the food. The Jewish observation of Hanukkah is one that also lasts far beyond one day - Hanukkah has become the pinnacle of assimilation for American Jews. Dreidels and Menorahs hang in holiday displays alongside Christmas trees and wreaths. But the real history of Hanukkah is sometimes forgotten. The ancient war that Hanukkah celebrates was very much a civil war between religious and secular Jews. A former Orthodox Jew explains (while cooking latkes) how this 2,000 year old struggle over assimilation has affected her life.

